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1. In the morning of 27 February 1954, about 10 driving-school trucks passed through Eisenstadt (P 48/X 55). At noon, driving-school trucks parking on the street running past the Jaeger Kaserne and the billets on Rheinland Strasse, which were guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets,

Shortly after 12 a.m., a group of about six soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and about six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets came from the barracks installation, mounted the trucks and continued their driving-school activity in the streets of the city. Trucks observed at the building of the former Landesregierung (district administration), which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets, all driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Numerous soldiers and individual officers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, were observed in the Kattner settlement, which was guarded by a sentry who also wore red-bordered black epaulets. Truck driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the settlement where truck was parked. Officers observed in the city area included two colonels wearing black-bordered red epaulets, six majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets, one colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and two lieutenant colonels and seven majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 1

2. On 23 February 1954, one senior lieutenant wearing black-bordered black epaulets and three soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were observed at the former factory in Hirtenberg (O 48/X 26), which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets and was also referred to as the former women's prison. Five soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and including one carrying a bare wire roll, a field telephone, insulators and climbers, returned to the billets at about noon. Three trucks were seen in the billeting area. No motor vehicles were observed entering or leaving the installation. 2

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- 25X1 1. ☐ Comment. Since December 1953, the Kattner settlement has been occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Previously, the installation quartered only soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets and who presumably belonged to the 284th Cds Mtz Rifle Regt stationed at Eisenstadt. The driving-school trucks seen in front of the Jaeger Kaserne belonged to the drivers' school (?) of the Central Group of Forces which is also stationed at Eisenstadt.
- 25X1 2. ☐ Comment. The soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets who were observed at the former factory belong to an unidentified signal unit which is believed to have moved there from Hungary in September 1953.

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